ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING

Determine the elements of Army Family Team Building.

COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE TAF

- Appoint a TAFP POC
- Provide briefings
- Ensure soldier and family awareness
- Ensure documentation and monitoring
- Include single soldiers

SOLDIER'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE TAF

- Support an participate
- Keep themselves and family informed
- Support and encourage family member support

AFTB PROGRAM GOAL

To enhance Army readiness through training the total Army family

FAMILY MEMBER TRAINING

- Level I
- Level II
- Level III

SOLDIER/DA CIVILIAN TRAINING

- Level I: pre-entry training
- Level II: entry level training
- Level III: platoon level training
- Level IV: company level training
- Level V: battalion level and higher

STRESSES OF LIFE

- Anticipated life events
- Unexpected life events
- Progressive accumulating stimulation stresses
- Personality glitches
- Value-dependent events

WHO RECEIVES FAMILY CARE COUNSELING

- A pregnant soldier
- Single parents
- Divorced soldiers with visitation rights
- A soldier with an incapacitated spouse
- Half of a dual military couple

FAMILY CARE PLAN FORMS

- DA FORM 5305-R, Family Care Plan
- DA FORM 5841-R, Power of Attorney
- DA FORM 5840-R, Certificate of Acceptance
- DD FORM 1172, Application for ID Card
- DD FORM 2558, Allotment Start Form
- Letter of Instruction

LEVELS OF MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

- Official volunteers
- Participants

WHO BENEFITS FROM FRGs

- The family member
- The soldier
- The unit command
- AC installation, NG state area CMD, Major U.S. Army Reserve Command
- The Army

MILITARY UNIT/FRG LINKAGE

- The rear detachment
- The unit commander
- The unit chaplain
- The unit information system
- Unit facilities

FRG GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

- Provide for family mutual support
- Develop info/education system; orient new families; promote involvement
- Interact among family/unit/rear det.
- Involve families in unit activities
- Refer family needs not met by FRG
- Provide info for families in local area
- Assist in development/evaluation of mobilization and deployment handbooks

FRG NONINVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Becoming surrogate parents
- Becoming social workers
- Lending money, cars, expensive items
- Polarizing into minigroups
- Becoming a babysitting/errand service
- Duplicating existing agencies

FRG ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

- Contact person
- Company level
- Battalion level

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES

- Official mail
- FRG newsletters
- Use of government facilities
- Use of military vehicles
- Training/travel of volunteer leaders
- Reimbursement of incidental expenses
- Awards/banquets/mementos
- FRG generated funds/fund raising activities

METHODS TO ELICIT SPOUSE INVOLVEMENT

- Command letters to all officers and enlisted spouses
- A command invitation to key family member leaders to attend a committee or briefing
- A command briefing to soldiers and spouses of each company to outline proposed family support system